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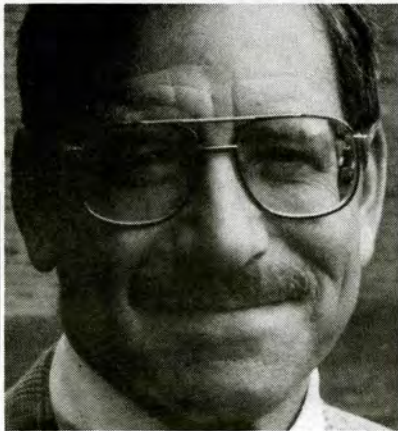
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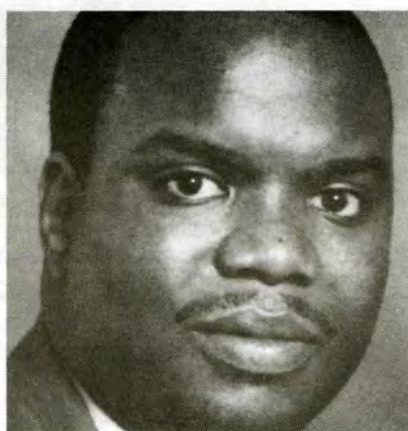


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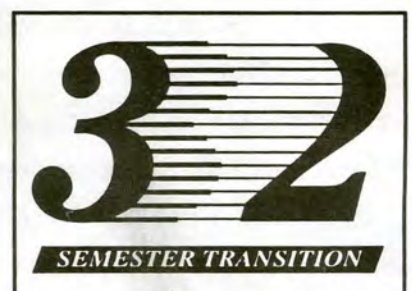
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in the interim

*Interim Chancellor
Sam Schuman is
not content to be
just a placeholder*



So far, things are going fine for Interim Chancellor Samuel Schuman.

Schuman began his watch on July 1 as interim chancellor for the Morris campus, after being named to the position by University of Minnesota President Mark Yudof when the UMM chancellor search was temporarily halted.

And, on Minnesota Public Radio's news call-in program on July 13, President Yudof was heard to say, in response to a caller's question about Schuman's appointment: "Dr. Schuman is fabulous!"

"It's awful early for 'fabulous' - I'd settle for a Minnesota 'not too bad' at this point," quipped Schuman, who also serves UMM as the vice chancellor for academic affairs and dean.

"Obviously, as I take on the duties of the chancellor's office over the next several months, I also have to be sure the work of the dean's office continues efficiently and appropriately," said Schuman. He considered several choices on how to resolve that issue.

"The option I picked involves trying to create a team of several faculty members to work with me and with each other to try to handle a good share of the academic administration of the college in a collaborative way — an experimental managerial structure I want to try; it seems like a good opportunity," he explained. The team consists of Ted Underwood, professor of history, who will be working with faculty personnel issues; Michael Korth, associate professor of physics and chair of the Division of Science and Mathematics, who will chair the Curriculum Committee; Peh Ng, assistant professor of mathematics, who will help with keeping semester conversion on track (see story on page 15), and Jenny Nellis, professor of studio art, who will take responsibility for student academic matters.

In addition, Schuman has hired Liz Morrison '74 to help him strengthen both his personal and institutional links to the Morris/west central Minnesota community. "Liz is a very respected person in the community with some deep connections to the college as well as the region. I think she's an ideal person to be helping in that endeavor."

As for his own managerial style, Schuman said, "I'm reluctant to discuss managerial 'style.' It seems to me that people who manage with only a 'style' are doing so in a superficial way that they can change, like the style of their suit or their haircut from week to week...I believe in a consensual, open decision-making system of academic management. Sometimes it seems slower, but in the long

run, you can make more steady progress, and it's always worth taking a little bit of extra time to try to bring every person appropriate into a decision-making process." That's what Schuman has tried to do as dean and that, with adjustments to accommodate a wider range of constituencies and administrative decisions, is what he'll continue to try to do as chancellor.

Schuman views the role of the chancellor at a public liberal arts institution like the Morris campus as "certainly different than the role of a college president in a private college. There are a number of outside communities with which the chancellor communicates — the Board of Regents, central administration in the Twin Cities, the legislature, the Morris community, Stevens County, alumni, friends — quite different constituencies that have a stake in our institution and play a role in our well-being. To serve as a bridge between these groups and the campus is a major part of the chancellor job, and coincidentally, almost an insignificant part of the dean job.

"To interpret what we're doing on campus to those different constituencies honestly, persuasively and with passion, is a vital part of the job," Schuman added. "And to interpret their concerns and visions for our college to the campus community in return is also important."

Schuman has also been giving a lot of thought to his vision for the campus as the interim administrator and to the goals he hopes to realize.

"It seems to me that someone in my position has a dual responsibility — on one hand, it's important for an interim chief executive to reaffirm and strengthen the traditional core mission of this institution," said Schuman. "UMM began its life as a fine public liberal arts college, with all that that means — and it means a great deal. When my watch is over, it is my devout hope that it will remain a fine, public liberal arts college; so a big part of what I have to do is continuing to cherish our historical vision. It's a strong one...it's an appropriate one...it's an exciting one...it's a viable one...I have no desire to tinker with that at all.

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this position long enough so that just making sure everything keeps on working isn’t going to be enough. Being an interim chancellor gives me a chance to try some things in perhaps a more open and experimental way than having the job on a more ‘real,’ permanent basis.”

Schuman has been a part of new or the renewal of old initiatives since he arrived at UMM. He helped UMM get back on track with the assessment of student learning mandate of the North Central Association with the help of Engin Sungur, associate professor of math, and Bert Ahern, professor of history. He spearheaded the once-per-decade North Central Association reaccreditation effort, directed by Jim Togeas, professor of chemistry, and to be written by Tom McRoberts, associate director, University College-Morris campus.

And don’t forget the Herculean process of converting the Morris campus from the quarter system to the semester system, target date: fall 1999. “That project was waiting for me the first day I came into my office, and I’ll probably still be cleaning it up on my last day at work,” said Schuman, smiling.

Other programs that Schuman helped to start and hopes to have continue are the Spiritual Pathways program which he co-coordinated with Director of Student Counseling Shannon Hodges, and the annual Technology Fair. Spiritual Pathways is “a venture to provide an informal venue in which to talk about the varieties of religious and spiritual experiences of people with a focus on those who follow less traditional, less common religious practices in west central Minnesota.”

The Technology Fair, arranged by John Bowers, director of computing services, gives UMM faculty and staff “an opportunity to show each other some of the bells and whistles we’d worked out for improving our work as classroom teachers. It occurred to me, and I was in a lucky position to realize this, that a lot of people were doing a lot of just fascinating things with instructional technology, but no one really was sure what anyone else was doing.”

As dean, Schuman also has tried to meet each year with each member of the faculty, individually, by discipline, or in random groups over breakfast and lunch. And, he initiated a program where the Dean’s office pays the costs when students invite a favorite faculty or staff member for a meal at the Turtle Mountain Cafe in the Student Center.

With a plateful of academia, Schuman still finds time for an off-campus life.

“An important personal goal at a moment of transition like this is always to retain one’s sanity,” quipped Schuman. “Part of that for me means continuing to exercise regularly, continuing to have a couple of interests outside the University.” Schuman, and his wife, Nancy (a clinical social worker in Starbuck and Glenwood) have a daughter, Leah, who will be getting married this fall. Leah, who was a professional classical trumpet player for several years after her undergraduate work, has finished a master’s degree and is beginning a doctoral program at the Eastman School of Music. Son, Daniel, is an instructor in philosophy and is finishing a doctoral degree at the University of Kentucky.

Schuman is a member of the Morris Lion’s Club and has been involved from both the college and community perspective in the fundraising and planning of the Regional Fitness Center. He is a member of the board of Pioneer Public Television (“I am quite devoted to public broadcasting, both radio and television...”) and continues to repair and give away old bicycles.

“I do almost anything I can to stay fit — bike, swim, jog, walk, use the gym,” said Schuman.

Will Schuman seek the chancellorship after the interimship?

“At this point I am focusing on doing as well as I can the job I have now,” said Schuman. “I did not choose to be a candidate for the chancellorship in the last search. It seemed to me that the work I was doing as vice chancellor for academic affairs and dean was important and challenging, and utilized my particular talents and strengths well. It was a big challenge and I didn’t see any compelling reason to drop it at that point for a new set of challenges. Now, my focus is on doing the interim job as well as I can.”

Schuman hopes that both the campus and area communities will be patient and tolerant with a new chancellor, “albeit an interim one.”

“I know that I will make mistakes,” said Schuman. “Help point them out to me in a productive and constructive way when I do. In general, I would love to talk to as many people in the Morris and UMM communities, the alumni and friends of the college, as possible...I welcome invitations to go anywhere anytime to talk about UMM; it’s one of my favorite occupations.

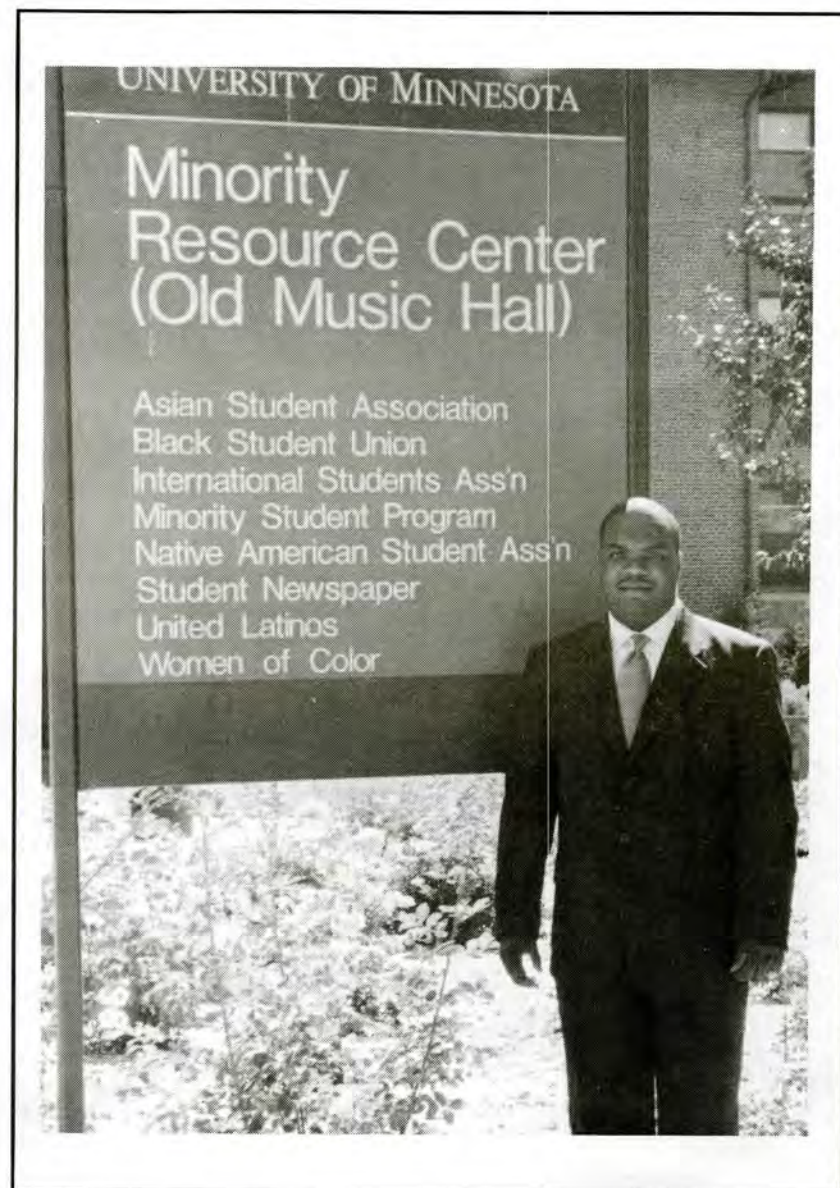
“Folks should continue to hold the highest standards for this institution, cling to an ambitious agenda, and hold me to moving that agenda forward.

“I would like, when my period as interim chancellor is over, for people to feel good about my term of service. And one of those people, I hope, would be myself. I’d like people to be able to say, it was a good time for UMM, that we moved forward, that I’m leaving the institution’s chancellorship with the college as strong as it’s ever been and in a good position to continue to move forward under a new chancellor.”

-Judy Riley

Taking the Minority Student Program to the next level

New MSP Director Rickey Hall is ready to connect with minority students and to connect minority students to the rest of the campus



Rickey Hall

began July 20 as director of the Minority Student Program. Hall, who previously was director of Student Diversity Programs and Services at Wartburg College, Waverly, Iowa, succeeds Bill Stewart who retired this year after nearly 25 years as director.

"I believe we have found an excellent new director of the Minority Student Program in Rickey Hall," said Gary McGrath, vice chancellor for student affairs. "Mr. Hall's past experience provides a good background for him to be successful at UMM."

Hall received a bachelor of arts degree in American studies with an emphasis in race and ethnic relations from the University of Iowa, Iowa City. He holds a master of arts degree in higher education with an emphasis in student services, also from the University of Iowa.

What are Hall's plans for the Minority Student Program at UMM?

"This being my first year, I'm going to come in and observe what has been done," said Hall. "We'll make some changes, but things will go pretty much as normal. Next year will probably be the year when I will make changes, because by then I'll have a chance to have observed what works, what we should keep and what needs to be discarded."

"We have a good staff here," observed Hall. "I encourage folks to be creative and innovative, and I think that we're going to do some good things."

Hall says he brings to the position energy, creativity, and experience working with student groups and with students from diverse backgrounds.

He was one of four faculty who worked with fraternity and sorority leaders on what it means to be a leader at the University of Iowa Greek Leadership Institute in January 1998. He coordinated Project ACHIEVE for The Connie Belin/Jacqueline Blank International Center for Gifted Education, and also served as a resident adviser for the Center. He has previously served as a teaching assistant in the Office of Campus Programs and Student Activities at the University of Iowa, and has developed a proposal to get students of color involved in the recruitment process.

Among Hall's honors include nomination for Outstanding New Professional from the American College Personnel Association's Standing Committee for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Awareness, induction as an honorary member into Order of Omega, and induction into the University of Iowa Black Greek Hall of Fame.

"I think that I can come in here with some new, fresh ideas, a fresh perspective on things, and you're going to see things done a little bit differently."

"Bill Stewart set up a good program, a quality program," said Hall. "I'm going to build on that and take the program to the next level. I think you'll see me get connected with the students and get students connected to other areas of the campus."

-Judy Riley

Athletics Update

Mark Fohl, Director of Athletics



Mark Fohl

Two coaches from the 1997-98 staff at UMM were named NSIC Coach of the Year -- Heather Hoehn for volleyball and Ken Crandall for track and field. In order to be named Coach of the Year, one must be selected by a vote of participating conference coaches. It is a credit to Heather and Ken to have been selected by their peers.

Many of you remember when our conference affiliation for men was the Northern Intercollegiate Conference and the women's conference was the Northern Sun Conference. A number of years ago the two conferences merged into the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference which included men's and women's athletics at seven schools: UMM, UM-Duluth, Winona State, Moorhead State, Bemidji State, Southwest State and Northern State. In a vote taken at our spring meetings, it was determined that the NSIC would expand to 10 schools. Wayne State, Nebraska; Concordia, St. Paul; and UM-Crookston will be joining the NSIC.

Wayne State will be eligible immediately for conference championships in a number of sports because they have been members of the NCAA for a number of years. Concordia and UM-Crookston will eventually be included in conference schedules as they make the transition to the NCAA.

We will have a number of new coaching staff members for the coming year. Chris DeVries was hired as the women's soccer coach. Chris was on staff this spring preparing for UMM's first ever soccer season this fall. He previously coached soccer at Adams State College in Colorado and at Missouri Valley College.

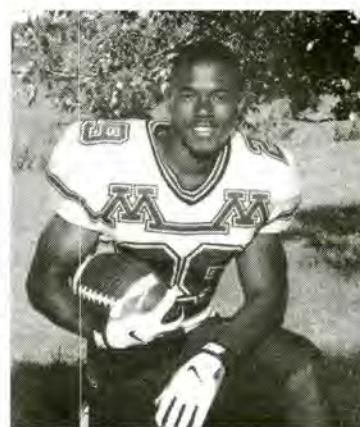
Tim Steinbach returns to UMM as assistant football coach and head track coach. Tim coached at UMM during the '94-'96 athletic seasons before coaching at South Dakota State University for two years while completing his master's degree.

Carol Thelen has been hired as women's basketball coach. Carol comes to UMM from Southwest State where she had been the assistant women's basketball coach. Prior to coaching at Southwest, Carol had been the head coach at UW-River Falls.

A former Cougar, Heather Pennie '94, will be the head volleyball and softball coach. Heather was a standout volleyball and softball player at UMM and was an assistant coach at UMM before attending Northern State where she assisted in volleyball and softball while completing her master's degree.

MAKING THE GRADE

"I wouldn't grade the team on how many games we've won, I'd more like to grade the team on how we do with what we have."



GERMAINE MCFARLANE

At a college that doesn't offer athletic scholarships and whose football team has won only a handful of games in the past four years, it's hard to imagine for most what "special moments" senior Germaine McFarlane will remember about his four years of playing football for the University of Minnesota, Morris.

"Winning the second game of the season," recalled McFarlane, a senior from Hollywood, Fla., who will finish a bachelor's degree in economics at UMM next spring, "that will be a memory that I will hold for the rest of my life. I mean, a bunch of guys shedding tears after not winning games for a couple of years; we got emotional, hugged each other...we hadn't won a game, I think, since my freshman year."

McFarlane, whose eligibility to play varsity football has ended, was recruited for the UMM Cougars by former head football coach Jay Mills. While he was highly recruited by other Division II schools, McFarlane remembers that Mills made playing football at UMM seem like it was more than just college ball.

"He made it seem professional," said McFarlane. "I respected him as a coach, and decided I wanted to play for him."

UMM's excellent academic reputation didn't influence McFarlane until he arrived on campus. "At first I didn't know about academics at UMM," he said. "At first I was recruited to play ball; I wanted to play ball, but I wanted also to get a degree. When I got (to UMM) and heard about the academics, I really wanted to stick around, to get a

good education.

"I was recruited as a defensive back," said McFarlane. "When I came here, I received an offensive handbook. I had played both offense and defense in high school, so it was not a hard adjustment." McFarlane wore number 29, both in high school and as a Cougar, emulating his longtime idol, NFL back Eric Dickerson. He received a number of conference awards too, including honorable mention (sophomore year), second team conference (junior year), and all-conference running back first team (senior year). He was ranked nationally in Division II and gained 1,000 yards per season during his last two years of eligibility.

Playing for a school that doesn't offer athletic scholarships, coupled with frequent turnovers in the coaching staff, takes a toll on the players, said McFarlane. Knowing that he could have played somewhere else and received a scholarship gave him pause. "It was rough, first of all, for me personally," said McFarlane. "But knowing that I came here to play ball, my heart was here, and the hard work -- we hadn't won a game -- that just pushed me harder to come back each year to make sure that I made a difference." McFarlane credits, however, those who do choose to play for the Cougars. "These are the guys who REALLY love the game...who do it for nothing. I wouldn't grade the team on how many games we've won, I'd more like to grade the team on how we do with what

MCFARLANE continued on page 13



THIRTY-TWO UMM alumni and friends 'took their best shot' and gathered for a golf outing on June 19 at Pheasant Run Golf Course near Rogers, Minn. About to tee off are left to right: Jamie Nelson '90, Plymouth; Mike Peterson '89, Eden Prairie; John Pippert '90, Monticello; and Brian Schneider '90, Plymouth.

The Fall Season

Football

Ken Crandall, offensive coordinator for the Cougars the past two seasons, will take the reins as head football coach when the Cougars open the 1998 football season. Thirty-two letter winners return from last year: Reshard Saulter (Lakewood, Fla.), Jimmie Brown (Cleveland, Ohio), Troy McChristian (Arkansas City, Kan.), Cory Brannon (Plantation, Fla.), Matt Shea (Glenwood), Nate Brinkman (Hutchinson), Carlos Lee (Tucson, Ariz.), and Dana Davis (Tucson, Ariz.), on defense. Offense: Monti Ossenfort (Luverne), Von Myart (Chicago, Ill.), Damien Hoffman (Glenwood), Brad Hilger (Luverne), and Adam Johnson (Lewiston). In addition to assistant coaches Todd Hickman and Tim Steinbach (see "Athletics Update" above), John Griffin has also been added to the staff. Griffin was the backfield coach at Bates University for the past three years. "I believe we have the players and the coaching staff in place to compete in the NSIC," said

Crandall. "It will not happen overnight, but with the hard work and commitment we have from our players and staff, we are not far off."

Men's Golf

With the graduation of Mark Moshier and Mitch Olson, the men's golf team will look for consistent play from among seniors Paul Hinz (Clitherall), Justin Ogg (Prior Lake), juniors Chris Bauck (Pierre, S.D.), Scott Shosted (Eden Valley), Grant Swenson (Buffalo), sophomores Malcolm Gold (Staples) and Mark Kurtz (Pierz). The men are scheduled to play in four tournaments this fall with the conference championship hosted by Bemidji State University the second weekend of October.

Women's Golf

The women's golf team has a strong contingent of returning players, led by junior Jana Bunjer (Ivanhoe) and sophomore Lindsay Niehoff (Osakis). In addition, seniors Paula Mack (Deer River), Nicole Neu (Richmond), junior Sarah Gravalin (Park Rapids), sopho-

mores Gioia Gentile (Bloomington), and Becky Lemm (Eagan) are expected to contribute this fall. The women have four fall tournaments scheduled, with the conference championship to be played in Aberdeen, S.D., the first weekend of October.

weekend festivities are planned. The women's soccer team will compete in 17 games during September and October. DeVries and the Cougars have their work cut out for them as they compete against schools that have been in intercollegiate competition for two or more years.

Tracking the Cougars

A Brief Look at Cougar Athletics

Women's Soccer

Soccer Head Coach Christian DeVries and 18 UMM women will make Cougar athletics history on September 4, 1998, when the inaugural season for women's collegiate soccer begins at UMM. The first game will be played at Wayne State (Neb.). The first home game, to be played on a new soccer field located just beyond the Cougar running track, will begin at noon on Sunday, Sept. 6, versus Bemidji State. Opening

Volleyball

The Cougars will be led by a solid core of returners, including All-Conference senior Anna Townsend (Esko) and Laura Higgins (Annandale), both middle hitters. Laurie Plahn (Jasper) controls the back court while juniors Julia Muedeking (Tracy), Natalie Zierden (Richmond) and Kristel Taubert (Pipestone) will add stability, leadership and experience to the team. The Cougars are coming off last year's second-place finish in the NSIC.

Catching Up

Class Notes from University of Minnesota, Morris Alumni

Classnotes were compiled and edited by Laura Kelnhofer '98, student intern in the Office of Alumni Relations. Every effort is made to be accurate in communicating your updates. Without intending to change the context of your submissions, we reserve the right to edit your class note contribution due to space limitations.

CLASS OF '64

Leonard Munstermann, New Haven, Conn., lectured at the Fourteenth Lloyd E. Rozeboom Lecture in Medical Entomology at Johns Hopkins School of Public Health. His lecture was titled "Migrations of Disease Vectors; Consequences for Disease Epidemiology and Vector Systematics." Leonard is a research scientist at the Yale University School of Medicine, Department of Epidemiology and associate curator of entomology at the Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History.

Keith Redfield is retired and living in Alexandria.

CLASS OF '65

For 30 years **Dave Retzlaff** has been the basketball coach at Fergus Falls Community College. His record is 493-251. His team finished a 29-0 season in 1997-98 by winning the National Junior College Athletic Association's Division III championship. Dave has also been selected by the NJCAA Division III Men's Basketball coaches as the 1997-98 National Coach of the Year. Congratulations!

Simon and Karen (Eystad) Zeller '67, Faribault, work at Cedar House, a day treatment center. They have five children. Mark, their oldest son, is graduating from Hamline University Law School, and their daughter Kristen graduated from the University of Minnesota Medical School.

CLASS OF '67

A retired teacher, **Pearl Hanse**, privately tutors elementary children in math, reading, and science. She wrote a family memoir, *And Now I'm 80: Tales from a Mother*, and is working on another so her "great grandchildren will know where their family started." Pearl has seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren. She lives in Morris.

CLASS OF '68

Kitty Arnold and **Gary McGrath** were married June 20 in South Bend, Ind. After a brief honeymoon in western Michigan the bride and groom returned to Morris. Kitty has been the director of Career and Placement Services at the University of Notre Dame for the last fifteen years.

Alfred Radtke retired from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service after 20 years. He was a wetland manager of the Morris Wetland Management District. This year, Alfred received the Minnesota Award from the Minnesota Chapter of the Wildlife Society for his outstanding contributions, which include the restoration of over 4,000 acres of wetlands. He and his wife Pat live near Ortonville.

CLASS OF '69

Jeanne Baker Driscoll, New York, N.Y., is acting director of development at the Institute for EastWest Studies. Her e-mail address is jbdiscoll@IEWS.org.

Bob Jordan and wife, Sharon, have recently relocated to West Palm Beach, Fla., where he has become general manager of WPTV, the NBC television affiliate.

James Lombard is retired and living in

Mount Pleasant, Mich. His youngest daughter, Jennifer, got married last year, his oldest child attends Loyola in Chicago, and his third child, James, is at Yosemite National Park.

Jim Nichols, Lake Benton, is facilitator of the Lincoln County Enterprise Development Corporation. He just finished a three-year stint as project manager for an ethanol plant being built in Little Falls. Jim has been a state senator and was Minnesota's Commissioner of Agriculture from 1982 to 1990.

During the annual meeting of the General American Insurance **Dennis Zahrböck** received four of the company's top awards. He won the Vantage Trophy and Vantage Award by having the largest production in the history of the company. He also won the Personal Producing General Agent Award and the Pension Leader Award for 401 (k) production. Dennis is president of Business & Estate Advisers, Inc. in Wayzata. He and his wife, **Sue '71**, also operate the Silver Pine Lodge, a bed and breakfast on Silver Lake in Cumberland, Wis.

CLASS OF '70

Kay Keskinen, Moscow, Idaho, sent us the following note: "Last summer I was appointed by the University of Idaho president to be the parliamentarian to the president and faculty. My interest in parliamentary procedure began at UMM with the International Relations Club led by Dr. Bill Peterfi. I have been a member of the American Institute of Parliamentarians since 1981, so this is an excellent opportunity to keep current in Robert's Rules. I have just completed my 26th year of work at UI Computer Services."

Our condolences to friends and family of **Martha Wiese**, who passed away on April 28 in Morris. After graduating from UMM, she taught at Barry and at the Hutterite Colony near Graceville. Martha is survived by daughters **Tessa Mahoney '67**, **Nancy Gilbertson '75**, and **Tami Plank '82**, as well as nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

CLASS OF '71

James Hilleren is a banker at the State Bank of Danvers.

On May 15, **Audrey (Olson) Lester**, Albany, died from cancer. Our condolences to her friends and family.

Linda (Larson) Sparby, Middle River, was selected as Tri-County Schools Teacher of the Year. Linda teaches English, applied communications, and college prep English. She is also the yearbook advisor and National Honor Society adviser. Her husband, **Eldon '70**, is high school principal and basketball coach at Greenbush-Middle River School. They have four children.

CLASS OF '72

Adelle Jacoby, Hector, hand-painted an egg that appeared in the White House as part of the 1998 decorated Easter egg collection. The collection included 51 eggs, one from each state and Washington D.C. Each egg was decorated by an artist who depicted special features from their respective states. Adelle's egg included blue waves, a Loon, a walleye, a Lady slipper, a Norway pine, and yellow bands of wheat.

CLASS OF '73

It's been 25 years and the Class of '73 reunion committee is "Hopelessly Devoted" to planning a weekend of fun during Homecoming, October 16-18, 1998. In addition to the traditional Homecom-

ing events, highlights include campus tours, a humorous chamber opera premier, *Three Fat Women of Antibes*, composed by class member, Mona Lyn Reese, a reunion social and banquet on Saturday, and a reunion brunch on Sunday. Additional information was sent in late July. The Class of '73 invites one and all to join in their festivities. If you did not receive the information and wish to participate in the reunion activities, please contact the alumni office at (320) 589-6066 or Dennis Gimmestad at (612) 927-7763.

Steve Gudelj writes, "I have been professionally involved in real estate development in New Mexico since 1978. I am winding down on that part of my life and am semi-retired. I am an avid golfer, aikidoist, and father of three. Wendy and I are well, and invite you to contact us at sgudelj@aol.com Peace and Love...Steve."

CLASS OF '74

Duane and Susan (Dahlstrom) Bartels reside in Mount Airy, N.C. where he is a family physician at Aegis Family Health Centers.

Bruce Dokkebakken, Big Lake, is general manager of the Minnesota Dairy Herd Improvement Association (DHIA). DHIA provides dairy records, milk analysis, and dairy management software to dairy farmers.

Mary Jo and **Tom Hoffman** own Hoffman Realty and Keepers antique shop in Morris. Tom is a real estate broker and Mary Jo is an agent. Their daughters Mieka, Mandy and Maggie assist them in the shop.

Ron Ritter, Avon, is busy with his job as planner for DeZurik Corporation and volunteers at his church, with 4-H, youth baseball and at the local school.

CLASS OF '75

Randy Haberer and his wife, Ann were recognized as Stevens County New Initiative Award Honorees at the 18th annual Farm Family Recognition Program held at the University of Minnesota. Randy and Ann were selected for their contributions to new initiatives in agricultural technology. Two years ago Randy was instrumental in the formation of Northstar Genetics, a private seed company which stretches from Canada to Iowa and into North Dakota. Northstar Genetics allows access, through breeding firms, to cutting edge technology and offers the latest products to farmers such as Roundup Ready soybeans and BT corn. They are expanding to include canola, wheat, seed corn, alfalfa, and field peas.

Dewayne and Kathleen (Williams) Stallings '77 live in Barnstable, Mass. Dewayne teaches art at Fay School in Southborough and has paintings for sale in Boston galleries. Kathleen teaches math at Fay School.

CLASS OF '77

Kent Meyers has been named 1998 South Dakota Author of the Year by the South Dakota Council of Teachers of English. This year University of Minnesota Press will print a collection of his essays, *The Witness of Combines*; Hungry Mind Press of Minneapolis will publish his novel, *The River Warren*; and St. Martin's Press will publish a collection of short fiction, *Light in the Crossing*. Kent teaches writing at Black Hills State University in Spearfish, S.D.

CLASS OF '78

It's 20-year reunion time for the Class of '78 and friends! Anyone who started at UMM in the fall of '74 (or anytime before

or since) and wishes to join in the merriment is welcome to attend the festivities during Homecoming, October 16-18, 1998. In addition to the regularly scheduled Homecoming activities, an informal social will be held poolside at the newly renovated Prairie Inn (formerly Sunwood Inn) on Saturday following the game. For additional information contact the Alumni Office at (320) 589-6066 or reunion planners Barb Hippe Opitz '78 (612) 490-9594, Dean Penk '79 (612) 377-8606, or Greg Spofford '78 (320) 632-2360.

Jody (Lindor) Reimnitz, her husband, Brent, and their children, Monica and Nathan live in Woodbury. Jody teaches first grade at Inver Grove Heights. She received her master's degree in education on May 9.

Jeff and Robin (Vipond) Tanner live in Atwater. Jeff has had several operations since a tumor was discovered behind his eye. He is baseball coach for Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City and a fifth-grade teacher at South Elementary in Cosmos. Robin works at the Litchfield Middle School. They have three children.

Mark and Leslee (Kleinke) Yseth '79 live in Andover with their two children, Andrew and Jordan. Mark is a dentist with offices in Anoka and Princeton. Leslee teaches preschool in the St. Francis School District and recently began working as a travel agent out of their home. Her business is called Travel By Leslee!

CLASS OF '79

Gail Nelson is retired and lives in Sauk Centre.

CLASS OF '80

Tom Kotval lives in Little Falls and works for Hennepin Paper Company as an internal auditor.

Rick Reed writes, "The last three years have been full of change for me. I've gotten married, gained a step-daughter and now a son. My wife is Sharon, step-daughter is Aspen and we have a son Ricky. I have created a unique multiple-choice rock music trivia board game called FOR THE RECORD. It focuses on the 50's, 60's, & 70's pop music. Marketing that and doing the 'family thing' keeps me very busy. Sharon is a consultant with Caribou Lake Software. Hello to all Beta Sigs & Chi Phi!"

Kristi Tornquist is dean of Learning Resources and Technology Services at St. Cloud State University.

CLASS OF '82

Kevin Fimon, Seattle, Wash., graduated from the UM Carlson School of Management in 1991. He has his own accounting business in Nome, Alaska.

Patrick Moore has started a new business, "Java River," a coffee house in Montevideo.

CLASS OF '83

After seven years of teaching high school mathematics in Seoul, South Korea, **Carol Halbur** has returned to Jasper for "some rest, relaxation, and a review of the newest trends in math education." She plans to return to teaching in an international setting.

Ron Hoffbeck, Rosemount, is a restaurant manager at TGI Fridays in Bloomington.

Bob Holmes received a master's degree in human resources in June from the UM Carlson School of Management. "I have accepted a full-time position with AlliedSignal and will be part of a 3-4 year rotation program for early career develop-

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ment in the HR field (even at age 38 we're considered to be early career material!) My first assignment is working for the electronics and avionics division in Lawrence, Kan." Bob lives in Lenexa, Kan.

"Tina and Lena" perform throughout the Midwest and have made their second recording, *All Together Now*, 1-2-3, with a theme aimed at inter-generational connections. Preaching the gospel of harmony and good humor, **Annette Hustad** is Lena and describes their show as "good clean fun the whole family can enjoy." Annette lives with her husband and four daughters in Glenwood and taught music for 10 years before making the Lena gig her full-time career.

Larry Hutchings resigned as curator of the Stevens County Museum and Historical Society. He now makes artistic furniture that he describes as "artiture." His cabinetry and woodworking business is operated out of his basement shop. Larry and his wife Kristine live in Morris.

Todd Olson is associate dean of campus living at the University of Denver. He is married and has a daughter.

Stuart Shelstad and his wife, Jackie, announce the birth of twins on January 9. Benjamin and Sydney Marie join older siblings Samantha and Brooke at their home in White Bear Lake.

CLASS OF '84

Dale Bothun and his wife **Tricia (Manuel)** '83 own The Costume Shoppe, a costume rental store in Maple Lake. They also perform clown acts under the pseudo names Waldo and Priscilla Mooseburger. In 1994, they established Mooseburger University, a continuing educational program in conjunction with St. Cloud State University. The program offers summer classes in clown arts. Dale also directs local theater and runs sound and lights for local shows.

Terrie Campbell-Mahmoodi is 1998-99 president of the Clarkson University Club. This organization provides social and service opportunities for the university community. Her husband Farzad is a professor and director of engineering/manufacturing management and graduate business programs at Clarkson University in Potsdam, N.Y. They have two children, Taranae and Arian.

CLASS OF '85

Nancy Barsness, Cyrus, has won the DFL endorsement for the District 13A seat in the Minnesota Legislature. She will challenge Republican incumbent House member Torrey Westrom in November's election. Nancy is a farmer, township official, and works as a planning consultant for township governing boards.

Mark Knierim has created a sculptural work that hangs in the Alumni Room in the UMM Student Center. For the piece, Mark carved, scratched, drew, and painted on air-dried Minnesota white pine to express the open landscape of the Morris area. Mark is a studio art research technician at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities.

Mark Lagergren, his wife Carol, and their son Christopher announce the birth of Benjamin Mark on May 8. Mark teaches social studies and psychology and coaches at Central High School in Norwood. Carol teaches at Belle Plaine Elementary School. They live in Young America.

Dorothy (Green) Nins resides in Richmond, Va., with her husband and three children. She is a training consultant at the Virginia League for Planned Parenthood

and is also program coordinator for a school-based mentoring program.

John H. Rykhus, Cadott, Wis., finally "retired" after 12 years as a social worker and has embarked on a career in journalism. He recently won two Wisconsin Newspaper Association awards for excellence in feature writing. He is editor of *The Cornell & Lake Holcombe Courier* and *The Cadott Sentinel* newspapers.

The Alumni Association has received a request for a current address for **Ruth (Friederichs) Segler**. If you know her whereabouts, please contact us.

CLASS OF '86

Greg "Buddy" DeGier is assistant senior high school band director at Alexandria. He'll be in charge of the Symphonic Band, one Concert Band, assistant Marching Band, Jazz Band and some Pep Band.

Sue (Baker) Dieter is the news director for Morris radio station KMRS/KKOK. Earlier this year, she received her third award for an outstanding newscast from the Minnesota Associated Press. Newscasts are judged on story selection, writing, editing, and delivery. This summer Sue also received an Award for the Advancement of Learning through Broadcasting from the National Education Association. The award was for "Spotlight on Schools" which allows seven of the local school districts 10 minutes of air time each week to talk about whatever they want. It was the "frustrated athlete" in her that helped her come up with the idea. "The station had been doing a Spotlight on Sports for a long time and I said, 'There are theater people, speech people, band, choir, and others who deserve some recognition too.'"

Greg Hansen has been an attorney at Crothers & Hansen, P.C. for nine years. "Am building a new house and may try to make Homecoming this year. Still single. Still windsurfing in the gorge, and I took up snowboarding last year." Greg's new address is P.O. 5564, Salem, OR 97304.

Tammy (Pierson) Quist is assistant principal at Roosevelt High School in Sioux Falls, S.D. "Work and my three urchins, Katie, Rachel, and Drew really keep me hopping. E-mail quistt@sf.k12.sd.us....I'd love to hear from former classmates."

Kirsten (Sandro) Rausch, passed away March 23 due to her battle and lifelong illness, cystic fibrosis. She waited in vain for a double lung transplant. Kirsten left behind her husband of almost 12 years, Andy Rausch, and son, Nathan, of St. Louis Park, a sister, **Britt (Sandro) Barnes** '88 and many more.

CLASS OF '87

Michele Brual, Maple Grove, married Robert Neale in January. They are expecting their first baby in October. Michele works at Varitronic Systems, Inc. as manager of training and development. Robert is a senior marketing analyst for Fingerhut Co., Inc.

Ivan Hohnstadt is general manager of 95 KQDS. "We've enjoyed #1 ratings success in our key demographics and were recently voted the Twin Ports Favorite Radio Station by the readers of the *Duluthian*. This past fall I had an opportunity to tour KUMM for the first time in 10 years. My how things change - yet stay the same! The new studios are nice but I was surprised to see that 10 years later they're still using a lot of the same equipment but was discouraged to hear the stereo broadcasting coming through in only one channel. What's up with that!? As usual, it sounds like the "The Tiny 90"

could use a little more funding!"

Evelyn Hoover, Northfield, is managing editor of the *Northfield News* where she writes a column InsideOUT.

Janet (Switzer) and **Ray Ludowese** '89 reside in Mora. Ray has started his own mechanical contractor business, RJ Mechanical. Janet is a certified personal trainer and aerobics instructor and is starting her own business. They have two children, Zac and Emily.

John O'Driscoll lives in Woodbury with his wife Lynn and their two children, Grayson and Erin. John is a claim team manager at State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company. He writes, "If you're in town, call me."

CLASS OF '88

Linda (Ebnet) Conway lives in Sauk Rapids with husband Jim Conway and daughter Allyssa. Linda is a financial aid assistant at St. Cloud State University.

Ruth Hamlow, Granite Falls, teaches English at Yellow Medicine East High School in Granite Falls, "just 12 miles from Montevideo and 'home' where my parents still live. After two years of starting over I hope to remain where I am for awhile."

Lisa Fotes-Konicek and her husband **Joe** '87 are busy moving into their 1921 house in Tottenham, Ontario, Canada. Joe is senior engineer for the reliability and maintainability department of Bombardier/deHavilland, a maker of commuter airplanes. Lisa is an employment counselor and team leader for Focus Community Services and also writes a weekly humor column for four newspapers.

CLASS OF '89

"My husband Chris and I live in Coon Rapids where I am enjoying every minute of being a stay-at-home Mom. Jack will be two soon and we are expecting a second child in March," writes **Jo Newman-Bosak**.

Tim and Mary (Hennen) Drake have three children. Tim is editor of the *Morris Sun and Tribune*. He has been editor of the *Bog Hopper* at the Science Museum of Minnesota, editor of a children's magazine, *Sur-*

prises, and associate editor of in-flight magazines for SkyWest and Delta Airlines.

Todd Hyde lives at 14601 S. 14th Way, Phoenix, Ariz. 85048.

Steve Lang is director of news and publications at Sul Ross State University in Alpine, Texas.

Leslie (Thibodo) Meek is the 1998 recipient of the Minnesota Psychological Association's Walter D. Mink Outstanding Teacher of Undergraduate Psychology Award. She has been an assistant professor of psychology at UMM since 1995.

John and Christine (Kapla) Van Kempen '92 announce the arrival of Abigail Rose on Feb. 11. She joins sister Holly at their home in Evansville. John will be teaching at West Central Area School next year. Chris is a special education teacher in Alexandria.

Amy Wagner lives in Morris and owns Minnewaska Decorating/Minnewaska Diamonds in Glenwood.

CLASS OF '90

Carol Buchholz is an administrative assistant in guidance counseling at Clinton-Graceville High School. She is completing master's degrees in community counseling and in school counseling.

Patty (Appel) Dahlke received a degree in veterinary medicine in 1994. She is working in a mixed animal practice in Glencoe. Patty and her husband Doug have two children, Samantha and Matthew.

Dan Gray married Tracy Kleespie on June 28, 1997. Dan is an account executive at Automatic Data Processing in Bloomington. They live in Eagan.

"My husband Bob and I celebrated New Year's 1998 with the birth of our daughter, Dana. We have been at Grand Forks Air Force Base, N. D., since 1995," writes **Lori (Schwenn) Hein**.

Deanna (Trigg) Lipinski and her husband Gerry live near Wadena with their children, Heather and Matthew. Deanna will be teaching first grade at St. Ann's Catholic School in Wadena this fall.

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To submit an item for *Catching Up*, just fill out this form and send it to: Vivian Heltemes, Alumni Relations, UMM, 312 Behmler Hall, Morris, MN 56267-2134 or e-mail: alumni@caa.mrs.umn.edu.

Let us hear from you! Next *Catching Up* deadline is November 1, 1998.

Name(s) _____

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Wanda (Pope) Moore is an administrative assistant in the non-salary disbursements department at the University of Chicago.

Jennifer (Westlin) and Rick Sunstrom '91 live in Argyle with their three children Jeremiah, Josiah, and Joelle. Rick teaches Spanish at Warren-Alvarado-Oslo High School, and Jennifer is a stay-at-home Mom. The Sunstroms can be reached via e-mail at: rickandjennifer@juno.com

Andrew Svec, webmaster at the University of Minnesota Crookston campus, was recently honored by receiving the distinguished professional and administrative award.

Jeanette Weeks aka Spike Rambler has been exploring the remote areas of the Last Frontier (Alaska). This is her second summer as a volunteer at Lake Clark National Park. "The bear, moose, caribou, and wolves are my neighbors. They are not as wild as the ol' gang from Indy 2-C, but then they don't know what a good theme party is!! Greetings to all those party animals wherever you may be!"

CLASS OF '91

Don Beissel and his wife, Melaine, have been married nearly two years and live in St. Paul with their five cats. Don is a registered nurse working in intensive care at United Hospital and is working on a master's degree in nurse anesthesia at St. Mary's University Graduate School in Minneapolis.

Jay Carlson is a doctoral student in marketing at the University of South Carolina, Columbia.

Kelly Fellows and Vicki (Sobania) Fellows '92, Shoreview, write, "Kelly is an operations consultant for the McDonald's Corp. (We love those beanie babies!) Vicki teaches 9th and 12th grade social studies at Tartan Senior High School. We are very proud to announce the birth of our first child, Nathan Louis, born March 14."

Paul Holm is co-owner of Glacial Lakes Computing in Dassel where he specializes in installing computer networks for small- and medium-sized businesses. He also works at Kurt Mfg. in Jordan as a systems administrator and is completing his Novell Networks certification.

"My husband, Chris, and I announce the birth of our daughter, Stephanie Rae. She was born June 6 in Tampa, Fla. I am doing research on spinal deformities in the sand tiger shark while working at The Florida Aquarium and am looking forward to co-authoring a paper with our staff veterinarian," writes **Karla (Ause) Jeselson**.

Karen (Reddy) Nevin is a quality manager at MACTAC Engineered Products in Hopkins.

Jill Ostrem graduated from George Washington University Medical School May 17. She will pursue a career in neurology at UCLA in 1999 after a medical internship at Washington Hospital Center in Washington, D.C.

"My husband is beginning a pediatric residency at the Mayo Clinic and I am searching for work with children as an MSW," writes **Buffy (Hanson) Petrikin** from their home in Rochester. "I am excited to see my Spooner friends on a more regular basis."

Amanda (Thompson) Reed is a senior account consultant in the national accounts group with The Dun & Bradstreet Corporation. Her husband, Robert, works for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms as a forensic chemist. Their son, Brandon, just turned two in March. They moved to At-

lanta from San Francisco in April when both were able to transfer their jobs. "My husband has family here and my brother, **Rich Hoddinott '90**, also lives here. It will take awhile to get used to the humidity and bugs again." Amanda's address is 8715 Colony Club Dr., Alpharetta, Ga. 30022.

Curt and Mary T. (Brual) Schmitz have purchased their first home in Plymouth. T is beginning her fifth year as school social worker in Elk River. Curt is a self-employed contractor in light construction.

Eric Van Bourgondien is a teaching fellow at the American University in Cairo, Egypt. "I have been busy...received my M.A. in history, taught in Pakistan two years, and now teach in Egypt and getting an M.A. in TEFL. I've also found time to travel to exciting places such as India, Kenya, and Mt. Everest. It's been fun!!"

CLASS OF '92

Daniel and Cori (Fischer) Amesbury, live in White Bear Lake. Dan is an operations manager for US Bank in Minneapolis and Cori is a pharmacy technician at the VA Medical Center in Minneapolis.

Laura (Brown) DeLeon, Harlington, Texas, writes "I have just finished a five-month run of hosting a television talk show called 'Mother to Mother' on La Familia Television Network, a local network. It was very relevant as my husband and I have two daughters, Sharon and Victoria. All of them have made appearances on the show. I have also begun singing to pre-recorded soundtracks on television recorded from my local church and have many new opportunities coming my way to sing and lead the worship as well. I always knew that I would lead a public life (being a Pol Sci major and all), but I never anticipated the absolute joy it would be to go public for God in this way. Our local church also broadcasts on satellite every day and most assuredly I have traveled all over the world, via television. If you have a satellite watch for me. Please e-mail me at: exaltamos@juno.com."

Elizabeth Hoffman writes, "I completed my M.M. in flute performance this June. My thesis is going well and should be completed and defended before the end of next year. This is the last requirement I need to complete for my M.A. in music history. I am officially a doctor of musical arts student in flute performance and am almost done with my coursework. I gave my first doctoral recital last March and my first comprehensive exam is scheduled for next spring. I also plan to give two recitals next year. I'm eager to hear from any music alumni. . . . please e-mail me at lhoffman@oregon.uoregon.edu. Special hellos to Michelle Walker, Lea Gilbertson, and Leah Solano. My new address is 1078 N. 16th St. Apt.X, Springfield, OR 97477."

"Leaving a 'good' management job with AGP in November of 1996 to go into youth ministry wasn't easy, but God has been blessing me ever since," writes **Jeff Juni**. "Not only is the ministry alive and well in Hector, but **Ellen Louwagie '93** and I were engaged this past February. The wedding date is Aug. 14, 1998. Drop me a line at jdjuni@means.net"

Krista (Anderson) Karels teaches Head Start in Ortonville, helps out with Nick's dairy farm and enjoys spending time with their four children. The Karels live near Bellingham.

Lynn (Washek) has married **Patrick Key '91**. They live in St. Paul.

Ed and Michelle (Berg) McIntee '91 write "1997 was a busy year. Shannon Joy was born in July. In September, Ed received a

Ph.D. in medicinal chemistry from UM and started a postdoctoral fellowship at the UM Cancer Research Center. Michelle has returned to school at Northwestern College of Chiropractic in Bloomington with plans to graduate in 1999. Write us at mcint019@tc.umn.edu"

Alan Mills is a 7-12th-grade band teacher for the Clear Creek School District in Idaho Springs, Colo. Last summer, he started his master's of music education at the University of Colorado, Boulder.

Beth O'Connor writes, "Hello everyone! I married Jonathan Proudley on March 21. He graduated from the U of Cincinnati in chemical engineering and has secured a position with Chemical Lime Corp. so we moved to Arizona. Our new address is 2834 Georgia Ave., Kingman, AZ 86401."

Lisa (Landwehr) Phipps and her husband Clayton work on a ranch near Brusett, Mont. Daughter, Julie, was born in May.

Jackie (Stoltz) Roessler writes, "My husband Jeff and I became parents a second time on May 8, 1998. Son Jack joins three-year-old brother Nathan. I am working at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, doing research with children from birth to three years of age.

Deb Scheibel is an event coordinator for Sprint PCS in Highlands Ranch, Colo. She writes, "Denver is still wonderful. White water rafting season is starting. If anyone wants to join in, please call."

DeAnn (Brix) Schreifels is a controller analyst in the retail division of the Lamaur Corporation in Fridley.

Mark Shores graduated in May from the University of Kentucky with a master's degree in library and information science. He is a reference librarian at the University of Arkansas at Monticello.

Shelly (Nester) Willette and husband Mark, Watertown, welcomed their first child, Carly Anne, on Mother's Day!

CLASS OF '93

Kent and Melanie (Abdo) Bauman were married October 18, 1997, and live in Willmar. Kent is a deputy sheriff at the Kandiyohi County Sheriff's Department. Melanie is the accountant for the Home Insurance Agency in Kandiyohi.

Karen (Hansen) Berget is chair of the Morris Planning Commission, the director of the Stevens County Historical Society, and owns and operates the American House in Morris.

Marla (Boone) Strei married Richard Strei December 27, 1997. After a honeymoon in Cancun, Mexico, the happy couple resides in rural Big Stone City, S.D.

Shari (Rachel) Corcoran writes: "My husband Mark and I are enjoying our son, Ryan. I teach first grade in Coon Rapids. I would love to hear from my classmates, especially those from the education division."

Renee (Axtell) Harvey lives in Vermillion, S.D. with husband Rick, and their two children Liz and Drew. Rick is a technician at Gateway and Renee is a full-time Mom.

Maren (Stevens) Hawkins gave birth to Julene Rose on March 30. She and her husband, **Gregory '91**, bought a house and are moving to Mounds View.

Donna Kemmetmueller writes: "For the past five years I've been studying with a religious congregation in Boston. The Daughters of St. Paul aim to communicate

the Gospel through any and all available forms of media. As a novice, together with four other women, I anticipate taking first vows in January 1999. I've enjoyed using the art education I received at UMM working in our design department. Please visit us on the internet: www.pauline.org.

Teri Lang is an agency specialist for Prudential in Rapid City, S.D.

Amy (Harmer) Mithuen graduated from the University of North Dakota School of Medicine this May. She and her husband, John, have moved to Columbia, Mo. where Amy will start a residency program in obstetrics and gynecology.

Christina Muedeking is on the Washington, D.C. staff of Second District Congressman Dave Minge. Agricultural issues are her specialty, and her responsibilities include briefing Minge on farm-related issues, assisting with "marking up" legislation, and meeting with representatives of various farm groups in Washington.

Cathy Olmsted is a national accounts assistant for Century Manufacturing Company in Bloomington.

John Svenningsen received a doctor of medicine degree from the Medical College of Wisconsin in May. He will serve an emergency medicine residency in the Hennepin County Medical Center Program in Minneapolis.

Cari (Peterson) Templeton writes, "After almost seven terrific years in Missoula, Mont., my husband Don and I are moving to Los Gatos, Calif. (near San Jose). I will be teaching elementary school in Saratoga Union School District, and my husband will continue working in computer networking at Vital Signs Software."

Bonnie Thedin lives in Morris with her husband Jim and is "enjoying retirement!"

Sue (Moore) Thomas and her husband, Brian, celebrated their first wedding anniversary May 18. Sue is a legal secretary and is taking classes toward a library of sciences degree at the University of New Mexico. Brian graduated from law school and is in private practice. "E-Mail is welcome at circa74@concentric.net or write to us at 1855 Girard NE, #8, Albuquerque, N.M. 87106."

Todd Thorsteinson received a Ph.D. in industrial/organizational psychology from Bowling Green State University. He will be an assistant professor at the University of Idaho, Moscow. Todd and his wife **Anita (Nordine)** are "looking forward to a move across the country."

Doug Wandersee lives at 953 Chicago Ave, Apt. #25, Harrisonburg, VA. 22802.

CLASS OF '94

Gina Brunko-Márquez and José Márquez '92 live in St. Anthony. Gina is an employee benefits representative at Norwest Investment Management & Trust. José works in the Office of Financial Aid at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities.

Carrie Bulger is a graduate student at the University of Connecticut and writes, "The end is in sight! I am officially ABD and expect to finish my Ph.D. next spring. I plan to be teaching by fall 1999."

Tanya Randolph-Elgin graduated from MSPP with a Ph.D. in clinical psychology on August 14. "My husband, Derek, daughter Oriana, and I will be moving to Stromsburg, Neb. I have been hired as a clinical psychologist for a female prison. I

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am looking forward to be finally finished with school."

Nicky (Nelson) Forsyth, Minneapolis, is completing an MBA at UM. She left Honeywell in February and is working for Mothers Against Drunk Driving. Husband, **Bruce '92**, has completed a Ph.D. in mechanical engineering.

Tracy (Lutz) Hansen is a Spanish/World Cultures teacher at Scott Highlands Middle School in Apple Valley. She completed a master's degree in education in July. She writes, "I have a beautiful little boy! His name is Matthew Dean."

Eric Humbert is a special agent with the U.S. Secret Service and lives in Silver Spring, Md.

Stacey Mohr has moved to Downers Grove, Ill. and has been accepted to PA School in Chicago. "I would love to hear from any UMM alumni in the Chicago area."

Lorna Notsch is a staff editor at Houghton Mifflin Company in Boston.

Kim (Koskiniemi) Sandry and her husband Tim welcomed a new baby girl on April 18. Annie Elaine joins sister Haylee Jayne. Kim is a math teacher and volleyball coach at MACCRAY Junior High School in Clara City.

"We've moved. **Mike** is a student at Calvin Seminary and I am a full-time Mom to Emma and Skye. We'd love to hear from friends at 2637 Jefferson Dr. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49507, writes **Jen (Wilson) Wagenman**.

CLASS OF '95

Ann Blaisdell of Morris is chairman of the Stevens County chapter of Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life. The organization is concerned with issues involving life such as abortion and assisted suicide.

Jennifer (Smith) Heath married Eric Heath on December 27. Jen teaches first grade and Eric teaches K-5 physical education at Tiospa Zina Tribal School in Sisseton, S.D.

Timothy Jarchow married Kayla Wobbema on October 30, 1997, in Sioux Falls, S.D. He is the store manager of Family Drug Pharmacy in Luverne, and she is a sales representative for Cellular One of Greater Minnesota.

Kori (DeMars) Johnson and husband Dave have celebrated their second anniversary and also bought their first home outside of Delano. Kori is employed by the Prudential Insurance Company.

Kristi Kampmann lives in Denver and works for a small public technology company. "I handle a variety of jobs including investor relations, accounting issues and am the administrative assistant to the CEO and CFO. I will begin an MBA this fall while working full time.

Alyssa (Ostmoe) Klein is a vocational rehabilitation counselor with the State of Minnesota and lives in Elk River.

Naema (Walk) Nunnery and her husband, Ronnie, of Forest Park, Ill. announce the birth of their daughter Samaria Sierra. "She is as beautiful as the day is long. Most of you might remember my daughter Monae. She's doing well, is 9 years old, and excited that her baby sister was born on her birthday, March 3."

Sandy Oeltjen, Villard, died December 2, 1997, when her car slid off an icy road and rolled over. Our condolences to Sandy's family and friends.

Laura Roder teaches at Fergus Falls Senior High. This fall, her son will start senior high, her older daughter will start sixth grade, and her younger daughter will start third grade.

Scott Shrum is government relations specialist at the Washington, D.C. office of Lockridge Grindal Nauen & Holstein P.L.L.P. He will focus on public sector clients and human services program areas in the firm's federal regulatory/legislative affairs division.

Kurt and Stacey (Rothers) Tostenson '96, Murdock, have two children, Emily and Allison. Kurt substitute teaches at Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sunburg Schools. Stacey works at the First State Bank of Murdock.

Sheila Williams, Minneapolis, was expecting a new baby to arrive about the 4th of July. She continues to work at MPIRG.

CLASS OF '96

Michael Anderson recently married. He and his wife, Amanda, live in Bismarck, N.D.

Jeny Breard is a librarian at Coldwell Elementary in El Paso, Texas, and is pursuing a master's in library and information science. She can be reached at jeny@compuserve.com.

Joline (Ness) Dalton and **Kelli Donald** are co-authors (with Jeffrey Ratliff-Crain, associate professor of psychology) of "Knowledge, Beliefs, Peer Norms, and Past Behaviors as Correlates of Risky Sexual Behaviors Among College Students," a research article that will be published in *Psychology and Health*. The article examines the relative importance of various predictors for behaviors that could place a person at-risk for contracting HIV/AIDS or other STDs.

Joy Flugge is an independent living skills coordinator at The Bridge for Runaway Youth, a transitional living program for homeless youth aged 16-20 in Minneapolis.

Mark Freitag spent a year as head of the Science Department at Mountain Iron-Buhl High School in Mountain Iron and is now in his second year as a Noble-Hines Fellow at Iowa State University (Ames) pursuing a doctoral degree in theoretical quantum chemistry.

Martin Pansch is a detention officer at the Hennepin County Sheriff's Dept. and lives in Minneapolis.

Tammy Rittenour received one of two honorable mentions for the 1998 Howard Award of the Geological Society of America's Quaternary Division. Tammy is pursuing a master's degree in geosciences at the University of Massachusetts. She is examining glacial deposits and land forms in the Connecticut River Valley to determine how and when Glacial Lake Hitchcock drained.

Amanda Schanus lives in Edina and does technical support for Nellcor Puritan Bennett, a medical devices company.

Patti Sjostrom is teaching at Fairmont High School in Fairmont, Minn. She is also coaching volleyball, girls basketball and softball.

Tim Stai and **Sara Rose** were married June 27. Tim is attending Bethel College for athletic training and Sara is a junior at the UM College of Veterinary Medicine. They live in Roseville.

Krista (Bramer) Struve is a client account manager for Lawson Software in

Bloomington.

Jeff and Jeanne (Oslund) Vogel '96 were married June 13. Jeff is a 7th grade geography teacher at Big Lake Public Schools. Jeanne has completed a master's degree and is working as a rehabilitation counselor for the State of Minnesota. They live in St. Cloud.

Sara (Theodorson) and Richard Wilcox '97 have built a home in Perham. Sara started her own business in 1997 called "Sesabeta Cattery" and breeds purebred Maine Coon cats. Richard graduated from Moorhead State University in May with a degree in finance.

CLASS OF '97

Stacy Hill lives in Dawson and works as a program manager for Lutheran Social Services.

Janelle Johnson, Falcon Heights, will begin graduate school in occupational therapy at the University of Minnesota in September.

Jason Kohler, Eagan, is credit manager at Norwest Financial in Bloomington.

Kristopher Nelson, Eagan, is a computer consultant with Price Waterhouse, LLP.

Erin Paster is a first-year veterinary student at the University of Minnesota in St. Paul, and will graduate in 2001. She is interested in small animals, small exotics and horses, and eventually plans to own a veterinary practice. "I also hope to be an author and write about subjects unrelated to veterinary medicine because even though I love animals, I plan to have a life outside of my career!"

"I'm working with people with mental illness at Andrew Residence in Minneapolis and live in St. Paul," writes **Jen Paulson**.

Our condolences to the friends and family of **Pamela Ring**. Pamela died on April 17 at her home near Rushmore. She is survived by her husband **Mark** and children Elizabeth, Brianna, Andrew, and Bridget.

Luke Robinson married **Shannon Maurer '98** on July 11 in Kimball. They will be living in Springfield, Ill., where Shannon will be attending graduate school for a master's in arts administration.

Angela Seewald works at Concordia College in Moorhead and attends graduate school at North Dakota State University where she is studying marriage and family therapy.

Kiplinger lists UMM among top 100 values

The September issue of *Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine* lists the University of Minnesota, Morris as No. 35 of "Top 100 Values in State Universities." The Twin Cities campus is listed No. 45. The University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, is number one. In addition, UMM is ranked one of 11 "Best Values for Out-of-State Students."

The rankings are based on measures of cost, quality and financial aid, most of which data is supplied by Wintergreen/Orchard House.

In an accompanying article, UMM is cited along with New College in Florida and St. Mary's College of Maryland as one of the small schools in the list that proves, according to the writer, "Not all top-notch public colleges are behemoths."



A GRAPHIC on the wall of the P.E. Annex swimming pool will dive into history to make way for renovation and remodeling for a new science and mathematics facility. The P.E. Annex building was scheduled to be demolished in August.

Admit one --

*Remodeling of Admission
and Financial Aid Office
may be the ticket for
prospective students*

With an eye toward making a good first impression on prospective and new students and their families while remaining a viable contender in the student recruiting market, the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid (A/FA) is undergoing a dramatic facelift this summer.

“Often, for many families, although they may be walking through campus from their car to the Admissions Office, we’re the office where people first come,” explained Rodney Oto, director. “We want to create a good impression.”

Creating a good impression is no small task

“When I interviewed for this job three years ago and walked into the front area of the A/FA office, I was quite taken back,” said

Oto.

The former entrance to the office, located in the front section of Behmler Hall, always gave the impression, said Oto, that one was walking into a closet. The blue prints now designate the area as one for storage and a closet.

“As I accepted this position, I made it clear that we needed to do something with that area and both the chancellor and vice chancellor agreed. We’re making good on that promise. Given the competition for good students, we need all the advantages we can get; waiting another four to five years did not strike us as a good option.”

The new main entrance to the office will be located in the area

current location toward the rear of Behmler Hall.

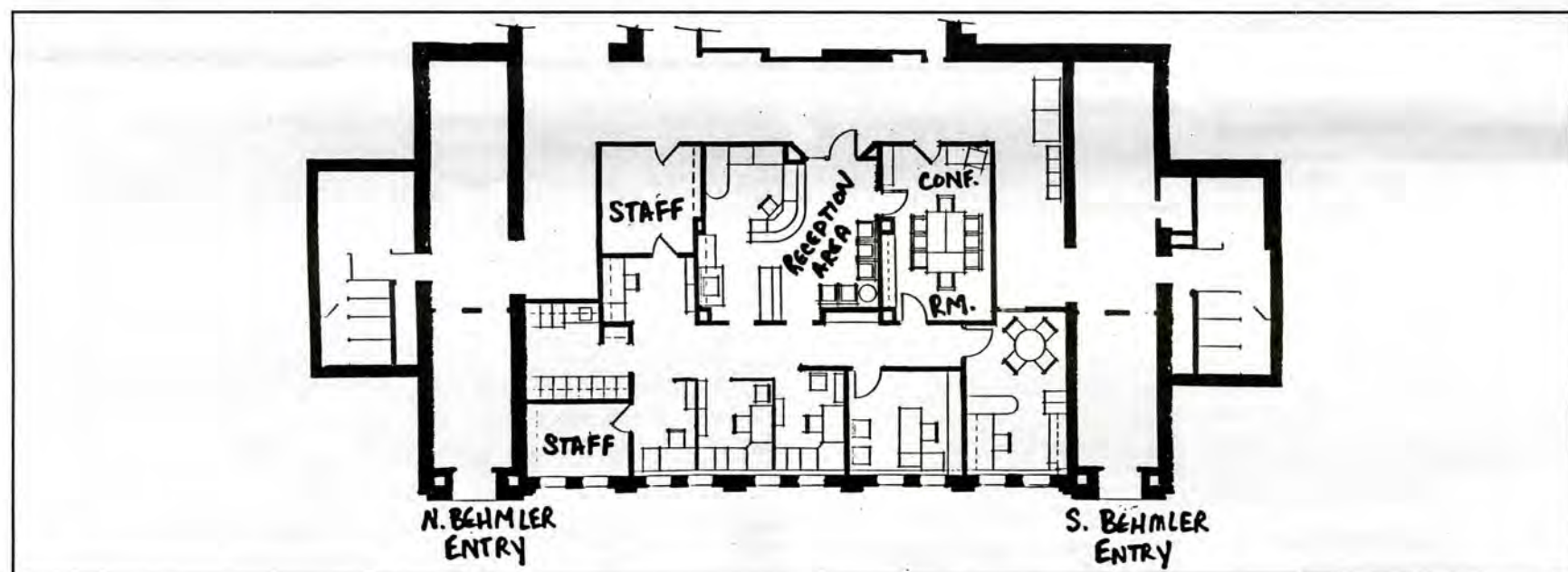
Where are they now?

The temporarily displaced A/FA office staff is using the student organization offices as their summer headquarters during the remodeling. “Sandy Olson-Loy (director of Student Activities) has been great in accommodating us in this temporary space, but we need to be out of here as students return in the fall,” said Oto. “My observation with what they’re doing in Behmler leads me to believe that they’ll meet the completion date.”

The projected completion date, says Thompson, who fine-tuned the remodeling plans, is one to two weeks prior to the opening day of fall quarter classes, which is September 23.

“He (Thompson) has been quite good at working with us — with moving people who have been in a space for some time,” said Oto. “The staff has had input; the transition has gone fairly well.” Oto added that the office routine was only “down” for a couple of hours while it was moved to the Student Center.

ADMISSIONS & FINANCIAL AID



that was formerly the window/counter area across the hall from the Behmler conference room. The entrance will be a glass door, creating a much more distinctive opening for the office.

“We’re moving the entrance to what we consider a better location so people can get a better first impression,” said Oto. “In the Admissions business, that first impression is ‘key.’”

Office features

In addition to the new entrance location, the restructuring includes a welcoming reception area, an enclosed conference room and reconfiguration of staff offices.

“The whole area will be carpeted, lighting will be reworked, and the air conditioning system already in place will remain,” said Robert Thompson, UMM engineer and coordinator of the project. “The area will be so much more professional, more receptive to visitors, and offer a better organization of the space.”

The admissions counselors and the operational staff of the admissions office — data entry and mailing — will keep their



THE REMODELING



SCOTT HAGG

Continued excellence

I'm pleased that we're doing the remodeling," said Oto. "I think it's a testament to the staff that the college has continued to make good impressions with prospective students and families, and I'm hopeful that in the future we will continue to do that. In our new setting we can do it in an even more effective way.

"I don't want to give the impression that in the past somehow we weren't being welcoming and putting our best foot forward...I think we were...but our office/reception area was not helping us.

"I think this new plan will work," concluded Oto. "The design will represent our public institution image. It will be simple, but, again, it will be nice...and welcoming... and warm."

There's nothing magical about the recruiting game

Contact earlier. Gain yardage out of bounds. Sound like a football playbook? Possibly. More likely, either of these could apply to the two-part strategy for recruiting prospective students outlined by Rodney Oto, director of admissions and financial aid (A/FA).

The contact...

"We don't have any new, magic formulas," said Oto. "One of the basic things that we have to do at Morris is to begin contacting prospective students earlier."

In general, in the past, explained Oto, recruiting has been aimed toward high school seniors.

"One might argue that that's what we're supposed to be doing. But the fact is that we know many of these top students, by the time they're entering their senior year, have a short list of colleges selected," said Oto. "We've got to get out of the box earlier, so to speak, and we've got to get in front of those kids much sooner than we have."

The A/FA office kicked off a major piece of this strategy last spring when they did a direct mailing to high school sophomores asking them if they have an interest in UMM. Juniors were also contacted. In direct mail, explained Oto, if you get a 5-7% return, that's pretty good.

"Overall we're getting a 10-11% response from the combined mailings to sophomore and junior students. But from the sophomores alone we're seeing a 20-25% return. So I am absolutely convinced that that's where we need to be — getting the UMM name out there to high school sophomores as they advance to juniors; working with juniors so that we're on their short list going into their senior year, and during the senior year, working with them in terms of applying and convincing them to come."

Gaining yardage ...

"Most of Morris' students will always come from Minnesota," said Oto, "but we need to start going outside of the state and doing a better job of getting students from a different part of the country." The initial areas to be tested will be the Chicago suburbs, Denver, and Iowa.

Iowa does not have reciprocity with UMM, but, due to the recent change by the Morris campus in the in-state tuition policy giving students in the upper 25% of their high school class in-state tuition, "We think we're well-positioned to go into these places and let them know about Morris," said Oto. Recruiting will still take place in Minnesota, but, said Oto, "all of our eggs in the Minnesota basket is, frankly, from a strategy standpoint, not a good strategy."

A consulting firm identified the Chicago suburbs and Denver and Iowa as three potential markets, and pinpointed down to the zip code, said Oto, where Morris ought to be recruiting in some of these areas.

Adding to what is shaping up to be an exciting recruiting year is the anticipation of a new admissions staff. In addition to new Assistant Director of Admissions Scott Hagg (see related

story), new admissions counselors are Nyisha Burnett '98, Tricia Oberg, Greg Pauling '97 and Leslie Zenk.

Touchdown...

"The competition for top students is so keen," added Oto, "every college in the country wants these kids."

"We've got to keep working at (this recruiting strategy)...I think we've got the advantage once they know about us, but they've got to know about us."

Those who already know about UMM are encouraged to urge prospective students to investigate UMM as a possible college choice.

-Judy Riley

New assistant director of admissions is ready for anything -- even Minnesota winters

When it comes to handling pretty much everything thrown his way and "other duties assigned," Scott Hagg appears ready. Hagg is the new assistant director of admissions at the University of Minnesota, Morris.

"I was on the internet one night and I looked at *The Chronicle of Higher Education* website, and I saw this position listed," said Hagg, explaining why he applied for the position. "It was actually the first job I applied for."

Hagg determined that he and the job were a perfect fit: "The responsibilities of the job looked challenging. The school is a quality school with a great reputation; it offers students a very good education. For those recruiters who are going out there trying to get students to come to a university, it makes the job much easier when you have a solid university behind you."

Hagg's interest in admissions began in high school. "I went to Williston/North Hampton High School in East Hampton, Massachusetts," he said. "During my junior year, I started with the tour guide program." Hagg continued his admissions career at the College of Wooster in Wooster, Ohio, first answering telephones and giving tours, then advancing to overseeing approximately 450 overnight visits per year for the school.

"During my senior year at Wooster, they said, 'Scott, why don't you go to some college fairs for us?' So I did go to some college fairs." Upon graduation, Hagg applied for a job at Columbia College, a small, private liberal arts college in Columbia, Missouri. During the second year of his four-year stint at Columbia, Hagg was promoted to assistant director of admissions with responsibilities similar to those he now has at Morris.

After about four years at Columbia, Hagg decided, for personal reasons as well as to establish a multicultural aspect to his resume, to teach English for a year in Bangkok, Thailand. He taught English to students who were coming to the United States to earn a master's degree in business administration and also to high school sophomores at a Catholic girls' school.

"I loved it," said Hagg. "Three classes and each class had 56 girls. It was quite overwhelming at times; they were

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“Hopelessly Devoted to UMM”

Homecoming 1998

October 16-18

Summer days will have drifted away but your Alma Mater will be waiting for your return at Homecoming on **October 16-18**. This year's theme is a “Grease” revival so grab your poodle skirt or pedal pushers, leather jacket and T-shirt for three days of fun and renewal of friendships!

Activities begin on Friday, Oct. 16, at 11 a.m. with *We Go Together - Alumni and Students Working for the Future* at the Alumni Career Fair. This is an opportunity for alumni to meet with students to discuss careers, dispense advice and give them a glimpse of *what-ever course their fortunes may foretell*.

Later in the afternoon take a tour of the campus, shop at the Bookstore, visit the art gallery, or meet with faculty members in their offices. At 3 p.m. Minority Student Program alumni will have a chance to meet with minority students during their annual roundtable at the Minority Resource Center. Minority students have specific questions and concerns that can often not be answered except by those who have shared similar experiences.

A new twist for the Alumni Association Annual Meeting is that it will be held in conjunction with the Alumni Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at 5 p.m. in the Student Center. This is your chance to hear updates about the campus from Interim Chancellor Sam Schuman and Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Gary McGrath. Alumni Association President Ed Caillier '75 will report on the past year's activities of the UMM Alumni Association and all alumni present will elect board members for the coming year. Reservations for the dinner may be made by contacting the Alumni Office.

The change in the Annual Meeting will allow time for everyone to attend the Homecoming Coronation and PepFest in Edson Auditorium which begins at 7:30 p.m. *Rock 'N' Roll is Here to Stay...* The evening's events conclude with a visit to your favorite Morris watering hole including an informal *University Register* (formerly the *Vanguard*) Reunion at the Met Lounge.

Tell me more, tell me more...
Saturday, October 17

Get reacquainted with UMM by registering with the Alumni Association at 10 a.m. on the Mall and taking a walking tour of the campus. In addition to the traditional Saturday events, join history-in-the-making at the Morris Science Project Groundbreaking at 11 a.m. The Alumni Association will host a tailgate party on the Mall from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. with food and beverages (free will donation) for the entire family. It's an ideal spot to view the Homecoming Parade as it winds its way through the campus and students have promised to provide spirited activities!

Greased Lightnin' will take place when the UMM Cougars take to the football field Saturday afternoon at 1:30. Head Football Coach Ken Crandall says “Homecoming is always an exciting time at Morris. We expect the crowd to play an important role in a positive outcome in this game with the UMD Bulldogs.”

As is tradition, the UMM Bookstore will be open Saturday from 3 - 5 p.m. for those who wish to purchase Cougar gear. *There are Worse Things You Could Do...* following the game all UMM alumni, parents, faculty, staff and friends are invited to mingle Poolside at the Prairie Inn. A special area will be designated for the Classes of '77, '78, and '79 informal reunion.

There won't be any *Drive-In Movie* but Mona Lyn Reese '73 has composed a humorous chamber opera, *Three Fat Women of Antibes*, which will premier at 6 p.m. Saturday evening in the HFA Recital Hall (see story on page 13). Anyone interested in playing a few hands of bridge prior to the opera should meet at 5 p.m. outside of the Recital Hall. Prizes will be awarded for the highest score.

The Class of '73 reunion committee invites all their friends to join them for their 25-year reunion social and banquet at the Student Center at 7:30 Saturday evening. Come and see how many people you recognize who have undergone *Those Magic Changes*!

The Cougar men's basketball teams from 1976-77 and 1977-78 will be honored Saturday as they are inducted into the Cougar Hall of Fame. The banquet will be in the Student Center at 8 p.m. and the public is invited to attend. For reservations contact the UMM Athletic Department at (320) 589-6425.

Tell me more, tell me more...
Sunday, October 18

Sunday's events include the Class of '73 brunch at 11 a.m. at the Prairie Inn. Homecoming concludes with a UMM band and choir concert in the HFA Recital Hall at 2 p.m.

Summer Nights... Local hotel rooms fill quickly so make your reservations as soon as possible! Blocks of rooms have been reserved for alumni at the Best Western Prairie Inn (320) 589-3030 or 1-800-535-3035 and at the Super 8 (320) 589-8888 or 1-800-800-8000. These rooms will be held until September 25. Please call the hotel directly and mention that you are in the “UMM Alumni Homecoming Group.”

For additional information about Homecoming events contact Vivian Heltemes, director of alumni relations, via e-mail heltemes@caa.mrs.umn.edu, phone (320) 589-6066 or by writing her at 312 Behmler Hall, UMM, Morris, MN 56267.

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"Hopelessly Devoted to UMM" Homecoming 1998

The Three Fat Women of Antibes
Composed by Mona Lyn Reese '73
Libretto by Thomas Hassing



MONA LYN REESE

UMM alumna and Morris native, Mona Lyn Reese '73, (daughter of Robert and Peggy Reese of Morris) has been composing a wide variety of music for over 20 years. Her music is melodic and accessible—the kind people want to hear again. She will share her talents during Homecoming weekend with a premiere presentation of *The Three Fat Women of Antibes*, a humorous one-act chamber opera, on Saturday, Oct. 17, at 6 p.m. in the HFA Recital Hall.

The opera takes place in the early 30s in an exclusive and wealthy town near Nice on the French Riviera. Three middle-aged women (Beatrice, Frank, and Arrow) take a house in Antibes to pursue a weight reduction regimen. The women are not plump or chubby, but decidedly fat. They are keen and enthusiastic bridge players and the best of friends, supporting each other in their diets and enjoying their time together. The only thing they really need is a fourth for bridge.

Frank invites her recently widowed cousin and excellent bridge player, Lena, to join them. Lena's doctor told her she should eat simple foods—bread, butter,

potatoes, and cream—to help her over her husband's death. Lena has never had a weight problem, can eat anything she pleases, and does! She wins a lot of their money, puts butter on everything, and has wine with meals. Lena's diet and her ability to win at bridge strains the three fat women's friendship to the bursting point.

Mona has been composer-in-residence at the Minnesota Opera since 1991 where her work includes educational residencies to help students write and produce original operas. She has also arranged works for the Minnesota Opera touring company.

She has received orchestra commissions from the Women's Association of the Minnesota Orchestra, the Livingston Symphony (New Jersey), and the Atlanta Symphony Youth Orchestra. Mona had her first European performance with the Czech Radio Symphony in February of 1997. She lives in Santa Clara, Calif. with her husband, Tom Hassing, who has written the libretto for *The Three Fat Women of Antibes*.

The Three Fat Women of Antibes is based on a W. Somerset Maugham short story by the same name. Permission to use this story has been graciously granted by Curtis Brown Limited.

This performance is sponsored by the American composers forum through its Performance Incentive Fund, underwritten by the Knight Foundation.

Tickets for this production are \$5 per person. Contact the UMM Alumni Office at (320)589-6066. Those interested in playing bridge prior to the opera should meet at 5 p.m. outside of the Recital Hall. Prizes will be awarded for the highest score.

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we have."

The coaching turnover is a big setback, according to McFarlane. Players go home for the summer preparing for the season, already knowing one coach's system, and then return in late summer to face a new coach and learn a new system. "It's almost being a freshman all over again," he said. "Being in the same system for a couple of years is

almost automatic once you get on the field."

Seeming to have a one-track football mindset, what about academics for McFarlane? When asked to name the one UMM faculty person who has influenced him the most, "I would have to say Venieta Leikvoll (speech communication instructor)," McFarlane answers without hesitation. "She was my

speech communications teacher my first year and I've had her for three classes. She encouraged me. She told me about the qualities I have and that if I just put in a little more time, a little more effort, there is no limit to what I can do. Besides that, she always asked me how I was, how I was doing, somehow I felt she cared about me. Even now — and speech is not even my major — I enjoy her class."

McFarlane is looking forward to a possible career in the banking industry or working for a financial institution. He isn't ruling out, though, the possibility of playing professional football. There was some interest shown in McFarlane by the Seattle Seahawks, but he didn't want to leave school, and a UMM degree, behind. Now he'd at least like to give playing professionally a shot.

"Being here (at UMM) is special," said McFarlane. "Being an athlete here, you're special. To go through the workload — your classes and preparing for the season — it's difficult, but it's all worth it. To get a great degree from UMM and to have the memories of playing here with a bunch of guys, the memories will live forever. I sure will be in the stands at every game supporting the Cougars to the fullest."

"I hope that I have made a difference, in winning those games and at least left some memories behind."

-Judy Riley

GO COUGARS!



TIME IN A BOX If you had the opportunity to fill a time capsule with memorabilia from 1998, what would you choose to leave for future generations to find? Faculty, staff and students of the West Central School of Agriculture (WCSA) chose newspapers and letters. How do we know? A time capsule box, placed in the cornerstone of the Physical Education Annex, built in 1930 and used by WCSA students as well as University of Minnesota, Morris students of today, was carefully removed on July 15 by employees of UMM's physical plant department. The contents of the copper box, which had been soldered shut, were opened July 18 by WCSA alumni at their annual reunion on the Morris campus. Contents of the box included:

- A copy of *The Minneapolis Journal* (Tuesday, July 15, 1930)
- A copy of *The Minneapolis Tribune* (Monday, July 14, 1930)
- A copy of *The Morris Tribune* (July 11, 1930)
- A copy of *Wallace's Farmer*, the leading farm magazine of the era (July 19, 1930)
- A 1929 *Moccasin* yearbook
- *The West Central School News* (April 1930), WCSA alumni newsletter
- *The Bulletin of the University of Minnesota* (1929-1930)
- A 20th Annual (1930) WCSA Commencement program
- Brochures from the University of Minnesota Department of Agriculture
- Enrollment figures from 1910-1930 and a class schedule for the winter term, 1929-1930
- Letters and other documents indicating that a group known as the Gymnasium Association endorsed a plan for a new gymnasium for the WCSA. While the effort was approved both by the University Board of Regents and the Minnesota Legislature, it was subsequently vetoed by then Governor Christianson, as were all new buildings for "State Schools in order to reduce the total of appropriations." Two years later, according to an article in the October 1930 *West Central School News*, "the building was again brought before the legislature and included in the new University 10-year building program which was again approved by both the legislature and the governor." Contents of the time capsule will be on display at the UMM library.

Imholte receives President's Award

History
Professor Jack Imholte is a recipient of the 1998 President's Award for Outstanding Service. The President's Award was created in 1997



by then University of Minnesota President Nils Hasselmo to recognize faculty and staff members who have given exceptional service to the University, its schools, colleges, departments, and service units and demonstrated unusual commitment to the University community. A reception honoring all recipients was held at Eastcliff, the University's presidential home, in June.

Interim Chancellor Samuel Schuman, summarized Dr. Imholte's contribution to the Morris campus: "I believe it would not be an exaggeration to say that the Morris campus of the University owes not just its continued success, but much of its character to former Chancellor Imholte."

However, Imholte's contributions are not confined to the Morris campus alone. In a letter in support of Dr. Imholte's selection, Dr. Hasselmo said, "...He helped lead the Morris Campus during a critical period in its development into one of the nation's finest public four-year campuses, and played a major role both in defining its mission and in staying doggedly with it — to the great benefit of generations of students and the entire state...After his retirement from the chancellorship, he has continued to serve in many important capacities, including the University's Judicial Committee and the search committee for the new (University) president."

Imholte has been a professor of history at UMM since 1969. He served as interim vice president for student affairs at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities from 1994-95, and as the chancellor of the Morris campus for 20 years (1970-1990).

Faculty & Staff Notes

Tracey Anderson, assistant professor of biology, has had the following work published: Anderson, T.M. and N.H. Anderson. 1998. "The Life History of *Arrenurus hamrui*, a Water Mite From Rangeland Springs in Oregon," USA. Pages 63-74 in *Studies in Crenobiology*. L. Botosaneanu (ed.) Backuys Publishers, The Netherlands.

Congratulations to **Connie Charles** on her new position as senior office assistant in the Office of Fund Development (see photo on page 16). Connie's responsibilities now include management of the Alumni Relations/Fund Development database as well as pledge and gift processing.

An award-winning documentary portrait of the visionary St. John's University Master Potter, "Clay, Wood, Fire, Spirit: The Pottery of Richard Bresnahan," aired on the local PBS affiliate, KWCM in May. The film includes footage of **Sam Johnson '96** and **Kevin Flicker**, UMM ceramics teaching specialist.

David Fluegel has been hired on a regular basis as community program specialist for the Center for Small Towns.

The movie "Final Justice," starring Annette O'Toole, Michael McKean (Lenny on "Laverne and Shirley") and CCH Pounder and filmed in Portland, Ore., premiered in June on Lifetime cable television. Former UMM theater faculty, **George Fosgate**, appears as Gordon Osborne.

The following faculty have received tenure and promotion from assistant professor to associate professor: Division of the Humanities: **Ishtiyaque Haji**, philosophy; **Matthew Senior**, French; Division of Science and Mathematics: **Nicholas McPhee**, computer science; **Peh Ng**, mathematics; Division of Education: **Carol Marxen**, elementary education.

Professor of Biology **David Hoppe** was quoted in the May 1998 issue of *Chemical & Engineering News*, Washington, D.C., regarding his theory about frog deformities. Hoppe also was cited in the July 13, 1998 issue of *Newsweek*.

At the spring COPLAC (Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges) meeting in Durango, Colo., UMM was represented by Chancellor **Dave Johnson**; **Dennis Templeman**, associate professor of anthropology, who met with anthropologists from other COPLAC schools and participated in a field trip to the Chaco Canyon site; and **Sam Schuman**, vice chancellor for academic affairs and dean, who was one of three respondents to AAC&U (American Association of Colleges and Universities) President Carol Schneider at the keynote session.

Welcome to **Cecilia Kill**, who began as manager of the Turtle Mountain Cafe in May. Kill previously worked many years at Atlantic Avenue Family Restaurant.

New employees in the Office of Residential Life are **Amy McGovern**, assistant director for staff and **Jason Neuhaus**, hall director. McGovern has a BA and MEd from SDSU in Brookings, S.D., and worked at UMD for five years. Neuhaus received a BA from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and his MA from Mankato State University in June.

Assistant Professor of Psychology **Norrine Ostrowski** assisted **Char Zinda** of Morris Area Community Education in conducting focus groups of young people to determine how youth in grades 6-11 perceive their school climate and how adults in the community respect and value them. The study was part of a project of the Healthy Communities/Healthy Youth work group of the Stevens County Family Services Collaborative.

Head Wrestling Coach **Doug Reese** and the Cougar women's wrestling team received national ink last spring. Wrestler **Dominique Smalley** and the program were profiled in articles in the *Des Moines Register*. The program was also featured in a May article in the *St. Paul Pioneer Press*. Reese taught and gave a four-hour presentation on "Women Wrestling" at the sixth annual USA Wrestling's Coaches College, held at the Olympic Training Center in Lake Placid, N.Y. Reese also co-wrote with Josh Henson of Falls Church, Va., a paper that was presented to the International Olympic Committee in Sidney, Australia on "Why Women's Wrestling Should be Included in the Olympic Games." Said Reese: "From the response, we have an excellent chance to be in the 2000 games in Sidney."

Interim Chancellor and Dean, **Sam Schuman**, has had an article printed in the spring issue of *The National Honors Report*, titled "Holding Out Hope: Futures of American Colleges and Universities: the Sequel." "Curious Conjunctions in Nabokov's Collected Stories" appeared in *The Nabokovian*, Number 40 (Spring, 1998), Pages 15-16.

Executive secretary to the chancellor, **Rebecca Webb**, provided an "Introduction to Theatre Performing" to area grade schoolers this summer. The Moppets of Stevens County gave a variety show at the end of the course. The Lake Region Arts Council awarded a grant to the Morris Community Education office to help defray the costs of the course. Webb also keeps busy as a staff writer for the west central Minnesota publication, *Senior Perspectives*.

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a little talkative, but for the most part, it was fun."

What does Hagg hope to bring to his new position?

"I hope to support Rod (Rodney Oto, director of admissions and financial aid) in his plan and his vision for the future of UMM," said Hagg, "helping him recruit the students — the quality students — back him up and support him...to be there and to do the tasks that he sees fit for me." In addition, Hagg hopes to assist in meeting the recruitment goal set by the University of 550 new students by the end of the year.

Oto explained that there has not been an assistant director of admissions and financial aid in at least three years. "It's a bit overwhelming being both director of admissions and financial aid," said Hagg. "There are a number of things that Rod does; I'm quite amazed that he's accomplished everything that he has."

Born in Arlington, Mass., Hagg grew up in Marshville, Mass. His father and stepmother are now living in St. Louis, Mo.

"When I accepted the job, I told Rod that he's never going to lose me," quipped Hagg, "because it's going to take me forever to cool off from Bangkok."

While Hagg is used to winters in Boston, he's aware that Minnesota winters get colder and more severe. He's never been snow skiing or ice fishing or snowmobiling.

"Rod has promised to take me ice fishing, and I'm going to hold him to that," said Hagg.

Yep, Hagg is ready for anything.

-Judy Riley

Bids are awarded for RFC, Morris Science Project contracts

Excavators, start your engines! Bids have been awarded for both the Regional Fitness Center and Morris Science Project construction projects. Bids were opened July 9 on the Twin Cities campus. Low bidders are Gopher State Contractors, Inc. Rice, for the RFC, and Bor-Son Construction Inc., of Minneapolis, for the science and math facility.

Gopher State's base bid for the Regional Fitness Center is \$4,892,892, about \$32,000 over the estimated bid. At *Profile* presstime, approximately \$400,000 in RFC funding still remained to be raised. Thus, private donations continue to be accepted for the project. Groundbreaking for the RFC project was held August 5 at the site of the future fitness facility, adjacent to the current P.E. Center. Construction was scheduled to begin on August 17.

Bor-Son's base bid is \$19,600,000. UMM experts had estimated the base bid at \$19,165,380. It appears that construction can include the tunnel and post office link from the science and math building to the Student Center and auditorium renovation in the science building. The P.E. Annex building was demolished on August 12 in anticipation of the start of construction.

Groundbreaking for the Morris Science Project is set for 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, during Homecoming weekend.



"M" IS FOR THE MILLION MEMORIES The University of Minnesota signature "M," that was at the center of the P.E. Annex gym floor. Plans are to include the "M" in a future campus building remodeling project.

Language Teaching Center named for former University president

The Hasselmo Language Teaching Center was formally dedicated in May to an educator and professor of the languages, former University of Minnesota President Nils Hasselmo. Dr. Hasselmo and Pat Hasselmo attended the ceremony, held at the Center located in the basement of the Humanities building. Naming the Center after Dr. Hasselmo came at the suggestion of Dr. Fred Farrell, chair of the Humanities Division.

When, in the fall of 1996, a University-wide request to the Minnesota Legislature for classroom improvement funding resulted in a \$100,000 allocation for UMM, then Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Dean, Sam Schuman, allocated the money toward "what I believed was the single most pressing instructional facility need we had at that time — the old non-functional language lab. We allocated most of that money to create a new, interactive, technologically state-of-the-art Language Teaching Center."

Center Director Erica Rosch, also a UMM French instructor, says the classroom represents a whole new approach to teaching languages, incorporating the use of new technologies and computer-assisted instructional software.

The new facility is equipped with 15 Power Mac 7500 computer stations. Language courses in French, German and Spanish will continue to be offered, as well as ITV (interactive television) courses in Russian, Latin, Ojibway and Chinese. While teaching methods currently use audio and video tapes, the Hasselmo Language Teaching Center will allow faculty to integrate CD-ROM programs, World Wide Web, and other multimedia programs into their teaching.



ERICA ROSCH discusses The Hasselmo Language Teaching Center with Pat and Nils Hasselmo.

3:2 = a pleasant equation for UMM

The front cover of the University of Minnesota, Morris *Semester Transition Course Catalog* contains a photo of two students and Professor of English Dwight Purdy, all laughing heartily in an apparently uplifting and positive moment. The back cover shows a photo of a student leaping into the air, with the caption, "Leaving winter behind in 1999." While the interior of the catalog contains the type of basic course information that could cause the non-academic eye to glaze over, the cover photos depict the actual flavor that has permeated the entire semester conversion process on the Morris campus: uplifting and positive, awash with new academic aspirations.

The Morris campus, along with the rest of the University of Minnesota, will change from a quarter calendar to a semester calendar in the fall of 1999.

"We're actually a little bit ahead of schedule," said Interim Chancellor Sam Schuman, who, in his additional role as vice chancellor for academic affairs and dean, is the point person for the semester conversion on the Morris campus. "The phase we're entering this year is 'mopping up.' We have done the curricular revision, done the student advising, now we're at the fine-tuning phase, of picking up the myriad of details that we might have missed the first time around — making sure, for example, that new students are brought into the fold, that all of our materials are up-to-date. I think that we're over the hump." While Schuman will remain the point person for this year, he has also appointed Peh Ng, assistant professor of mathematics, to help keep the conversion on schedule (see story on page two).

Schuman has been really tickled at how smoothly students are going to be able to move from taking courses on a quarter system to taking them on a semester system. The campus has also been working with new students who will arrive on campus this fall to make sure that their schedules — "one year on the quarter system to be followed by three years on the semester system" — will mesh smoothly.

If there was a low point in the conversion, Schuman says, it has already passed. That was, "when we had to keep reminding faculty to fill out one form or another connected to the conversion process."

"Every single course will change, some will change absolutely radically — some disappear and some are brand new," said Schuman. A few courses will change only minimally, however, like the yearlong course where students had a three-quarter course sequence that will change to a two-semester sequence.

"Those 30-week courses will still be, in effect, 30-week courses; that was simply a fact of putting the breaks at a different spot," added Schuman.

Most courses will change more dramatically than that. The Morris campus has cut the number of courses offered more than any other campus in the University of Minnesota system.

"We have pruned our curriculum quite dramatically because we took seriously this opportunity to excise from the catalog courses that we were no longer offering and to rethink the curriculum and to build a functional, trim, appropriate curriculum from the ground up," explained Schuman.

Another noticeable change due to the semester system will be the academic calendar. The start and the ending date of the academic year will both move up a month. The

first semester class will begin around Labor Day and the last class of the second semester will end in early May. Where UMM has had one 10-week quarter before Christmas vacation and then two 10-week quarters after, now UMM will have one 15-week semester before and one 15-week semester after.

"One of the unfortunate things next summer," said Schuman, "is that we'll be about a month shorter in terms of vacation. The year will end late on a quarter calendar (June 11) and start early on a semester calendar."

While calendar and course changes are the most dramatic, "there are a million less dramatic changes," said Schuman. "Every document the institution produces that uses the word 'quarter' has to be changed to use the word 'semester.' In addition:

- There will be two registrations, two grading periods, two exam periods.

- The current customary student load will change from 3 five-credit courses per quarter or 9 five-credit courses per year to 4 four-credit courses per semester or 8 per year.

- Classes will meet either two or three times a week instead of four to five times a week.

"It's a pervasive change," said Schuman.

"It will change to some degree or another almost everything we do."

Schuman cautions that students need to do a little bit of thinking about how to pace their weekly academic life.

"The quarter system is more a short burst of pretty intense academic work," he said. "Semesters will seem slightly more leisurely and contemplative. We should anticipate people having a real low point around week 9-11, when, customarily, we're used to finishing up (on a quarter system). People are going to say, 'Holy mackerel! I've still got five weeks to go!' The up side of that is, the second time you go through final exams, you're through. I think there will be some stresses and awkwardnesses with the change...that we need to be ready."

Will the general public notice the change?

Students will occupy off-campus rental housing at an earlier date. Retail merchants will see students purchasing groceries and other necessities earlier. Campus service providers, such as those that offer a student meal plan, will also notice the change, and students taking jobs will think in terms of two periods of employment per year rather than three.

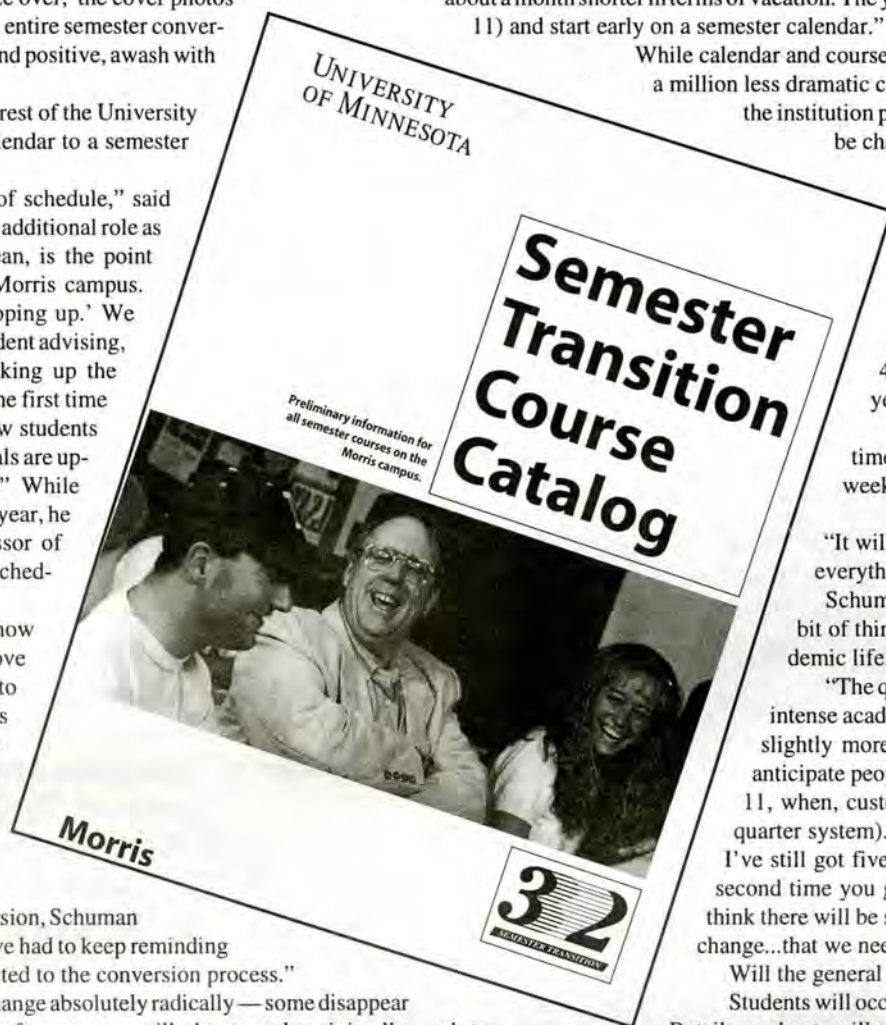
So why convert to semesters at all?

"It was the mandate of the Minnesota Legislature that all public, post-secondary institutions convert to the semester system," explained Schuman. While the legislature never made particularly clear what their rationale was, added Schuman, it's something that was discussed at UMM and the University system for decades.

"My sense going into this was that about half our faculty thought it was a good idea, half thought it would be a bad idea — with odds like that, we probably never would have done it ourselves because the process is a difficult one.

"But now that we were mandated to do it, when it's over, I think everyone will feel vaguely glad that we did it."

-Judy Riley



Cornerstone



SIXTY-ONE SENIORS received their bachelor of arts degrees in 1964. The 1964 yearbook, *Venture*, proclaimed: "Four years of precedent-setting reached their climax as the University of Minnesota, Morris graduated its first senior class."

What do you recall from UMM's first Commencement?

(June 8, 1964) - "The first commencement exercises at the University of Minnesota, Morris (were) held on Monday, June 15, at 8:30 p.m. on the campus mall..."

Rodney Briggs, of course, was dean. The commencement address

was given by University of Minnesota President O. Meredith Wilson. Confering of degrees was done by Associate Professor Stephen G. Granger, assistant to the dean. Dr. Granger also introduced the division "chairmen":

- Charles Bruning, Education

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- John Imholte, Social Sciences
- Jay Roshal, Science and Math
- W. Donald Spring, Humanities

"...as the Division chairmen present each candidate for a degree, the candidate will rise, cross the stage, receive his diploma from Dean Briggs, proceed to the table where the hoods will be placed on the candidates by Associate Professor Herbert G. Croom, Director of Student Services, with assistance from the faculty..."

The entire audience, directed by Ralph Williams, associate professor of music, sang the National Anthem. The Color Guard was an ROTC unit from the Minneapolis campus. Mace Bearer and Faculty Marshal was Theodore S. Long, assistant professor of English. Student Marshals were Mrs.

Elizabeth Mathison and Mrs. Lois Sommer.

According to the commencement program, the audience was requested not to take pictures during Commencement. The Senior Reception following Commencement was held at the "picnic area, west of the Science building."

From the program: "Commencement marks only the conclusion of the individual's academic life at the University. As a graduate, he contributes to its history and participates in its aspirations."

"Alumni, their families, and their friends are always welcome at UMM. It is hoped they will return frequently to visit the campus and to renew cherished ties."

Ponder for the next issue:

Is your computer ready for the new millenium? The year 2000 was perhaps far from thought when, in 1971, the Computer Center was established. Do you remember?

Send your answer to *Profile*, Office of University Relations, 11 Education, UMM, Morris, MN 56267-2134 or e-mail rileyjk@cda.mrs.umn.edu



THE ALUMNI RELATIONS AND FUND DEVELOPMENT OFFICE is moving to a new location in the Humanities Fine Arts building next January. After sketching, measuring and planning, the staff isn't having too much trouble imagining how wonderful their new space will be - even though it doesn't look like much right now! From left: Vivian (Helbling) Heltemes '77, director of alumni relations; Laura (Meyer) Thielke '95; Judy Korn '95; Maddy Maxeiner '76, director of fund development; Connie Charles; and Alisande Allaben.

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Calendar of Events

At the University of Minnesota, Morris and Elsewhere

September 20-22
September 23
October 16-18

New Student Orientation
Fall quarter classes begin
UMM Homecoming (story on page 12):
•Classes of '73 and '78 Reunions
•Informal *University Register* Reunion
•Alumni Career Fair
•Alumni Assoc. Annual Mtg & Banquet
•Pepfest and Coronation
•Morris Science Project Groundbreaking
•Pre-game Tailgate Party
•Parade
•UMM Cougars vs. UMD Bulldogs
•Post-game mingle
•"Three Fat Women of Antibes" Chamber Opera (composed by Mona Lynn Reese '73; see story on page 13)

October 30 •Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet
•Band and Choir Concert
Performing Arts Series: Ondekoza
Edson Auditorium, 8:15 pm
November 14 Performing Arts Series: Rajeckas & Intraub
Movement Theatre
Edson Auditorium, 8:15 pm
January 29-30 Performing Arts Series: Zorongo Flamenco
Dance Theatre
Edson Auditorium, 8:15 pm
February 18 Twin Cities area Alumni Event (tentative)
Site to be determined

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